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Recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Army.

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Mr. SPENCE (for himself and Mr. SKELTON) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JOINT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Army.

Whereas on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, authorized the establishment of the Continental Army;

Whereas the collective expression of the pursuit of personal freedom that caused the authorization and organization of the United States Army led to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the codification of the new Nation's basic principles and values in the Constitution;

Whereas for the past 225 years, the Army's central mission has been to fight and win the Nation's wars;

Whereas whatever the mission, the Nation turns to its Army for decisive victory;

Whereas the 172 battle streamers carried on the Army flag are testament to the valor, commitment, and sacrifice of the brave soldiers who have served the Nation in the Army;

Whereas Valley Forge, New Orleans, Mexico City, Gettysburg, Verdun, Bataan, Normandy, Pusan, the Ia Drang Valley, Grenada, Panama, and Kuwait are but a few of the places where soldiers of the United States Army have won extraordinary distinction and respect for the Nation and its Army;

Whereas the motto of “Duty, Honor, Country” is the creed by which the American soldier lives and serves;

Whereas the United States Army today is the world’s most capable and respected ground force;

Whereas future Army forces are being prepared to conduct quick, decisive, highly sophisticated operations anywhere, anytime; and

Whereas no matter what the cause, location, or magnitude of future conflicts, the Nation can rely on its Army to produce well-trained, well-led, and highly motivated soldiers to carry out the missions entrusted to them: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That Congress, recognizing the historic significance of the
- 4 225th anniversary of the United States Army—
- 5 (1) expresses the appreciation of the people of
- 6 the United States to the Army and the soldiers who
- 7 have served in it for 225 years of dedicated service;

1 (2) honors the valor, commitment, and sacrifice
2 that American soldiers have displayed throughout
3 the history of the Army; and

4 (3) calls upon the President to issue a
5 proclamation—

6 (A) recognizing the 225th birthday of the
7 United States Army and the dedicated service
8 of the soldiers who have served in the Army;
9 and

10 (B) calling upon the people of the United
11 States to observe that anniversary with appro-
12 priate ceremonies and activities.

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